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SUBJ: INDONESIA-JAPAN LNG TRANSPORTATION

1. MULTIFACETED LNG SHIP NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED UNABATED THROUGH THE WEEKEND. JAPANESE HAVE SET AUGUST 25 AS A NEW DEADLINE FOR CONCLUSION OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT, ALLEDGED-
LY TO FACILITATE DRAWDOWNS ON COST OVERRUN LOAN BY AUGUST 31: BUT BENSON REPORTS THAT PROSPECTS FOR AGREEMENT ON TRANSPORTATION BY AUGUST 25 ARE NIL. FROM TALKS WITH BENSON, SARWONO, GOLDEN AND VELIOTOS (LAST TWO HAVE NOW RETURNED TO US), WE HAVE GAINED IMPRESSION THAT ALL SIDES ARE NEGOTIATING WITH TOUGHNESS BUT HAVE NOT LOCKED THEMSELVES INTO IRRECONCILABLE POSITIONS.

2. BENSON ALSO PASSED ON TO US A RUMOR CIRCULATING AMONG THE JAPANESE THAT BLACKWELL INTENDS TO RESIGN IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT HIS RESIGNATION WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PROSPECTS FOR TITLE 11 FINANCING. ANYTHING THE DEPARTMENT CAN DO TO SQUELCH THIS RUMOR WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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